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1. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus comprising:
 - a supporting member having a basal end part rotatably disposed at an upper end of a supporting column;
 - a plurality of umbrella retaining locks disposed along at least one side part of the supporting member; and
 - a cosmetic cover rotatable between an open position and a closed position, wherein the cosmetic cover, when in the open position, allows the supporting member to rotate between a use position and a receipt position, and when in the closed position, covers the supporting member in the receipt position;
 - wherein, when the support member is in the receipt position, at least one of the umbrella retaining locks attaches to the supporting column.
2. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the supporting column comprises a pair of opposing side parts.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus comprising:
 - a plurality of supporting members having basal end parts supported on an apparatus main body, wherein the supporting members extend in a direction substantially normal to the longitudinal direction of the apparatus main body; and
 - a plurality of umbrella retaining locks disposed along at least one side part of the supporting members and adapted to retain a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella;
 - wherein a gap is formed between mutually adjacent supporting members and extends in the longitudinal direction of the supporting members; and
 - wherein the apparatus main body comprises a pair of opposing side parts.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the apparatus main body comprises a plurality of first supporting column parts and a plurality of second supporting column parts, wherein the basal end parts and distal end parts of the supporting members are supported on the first supporting column parts and the second supporting column parts, respectively.
8. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a gap is formed between mutually adjacent second supporting column parts and extends in the longitudinal direction of the supporting members.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the apparatus main body comprises two parallel supporting column parts and a retaining member, wherein opposite end parts of the retaining member are supported by the two supporting column parts and the supporting members are spaced along the retaining member, and the basal end parts of the supporting members are retained by the retaining member.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the umbrella retaining locks are comprised of:
 - a lock main body attached to a side part of the supporting member, the lock main body having a receiving recess opening sideward of the supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction normal to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and
 - a lock member disposed within the lock main body such that the lock member is moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,wherein the lock member, when in the releasing position, allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be moved in and out of the receiving recess through an opening part, and when in the locking position, prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from the receiving recess through the opening part.

13. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the umbrella retaining locks are comprised of:

a lock main body attached to a side part of the supporting member, the lock main body having a receiving recess opening sideward of the supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction inclined relative to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and

a lock member disposed within the lock main body such that the lock member is moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,

wherein the lock member, when in the releasing position, allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be moved in and out of the receiving recess through an opening part, and when in the locking position, prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from the receiving recess through the opening part.

14. -19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the umbrella retaining locks are comprised of:

a lock main body attached to a side part of the supporting member, the lock main body having a receiving recess opening sideward of the supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction normal to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and

a lock member disposed within the lock main body such that the lock member is moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,

wherein the lock member, when in the releasing position, allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be moved in and out of the receiving recess through an opening part, and when in the locking position, prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from the receiving recess through the opening part.

21. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the umbrella retaining locks are comprised of:

a lock main body attached to a side part of the supporting member, the lock main body having a receiving recess opening sideward of the supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction inclined relative to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and
a lock member disposed within the lock main body such that the lock member is moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,
wherein the lock member, when in the releasing position, allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be moved in and out of the receiving recess through an opening part, and when in the locking position, prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from the receiving recess through the opening part.

22.-24. (Cancelled).